Colored and White, Unite and Fight for a

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S. African Revolution Has Begun! General Strike Wins First Victory

White Students and Workers Fight for Negro Equality

Eleanor Stephens

Inspired by the indomitable spirit of the Negro students in the South, *white* boys and girls, *white* men and women, are demonstrating their solidarity with the struggle for Negro equality. This is true not only in the North, but among young people born and bred in the tradition of the old jimcrow South.

On March 12, there were 30 white students from Florida State University who marched in a body through the streets of Tallahassee to meet Negro students from A and M University. They were met by a barrage of tear gas from the police, and 6 of them spent the week-end in jail along with 29 Negro students.

(*This was, of course, played down by the capitalist press.*)

White students from North Carolina State College, Duke University, Chapel Hill, Greensboro Women's College, Brandeis University, and from 12 Virginia colleges, are actively supporting the sitdowns in spite of pressure from the college administrators, mayors, governors, the police and their own parents.

Though students in the South began it, the movement spread like a grass fire in the spring — not only to 48 Southern cities in 11 Southern states, but to all principal cities of the *North* as well. And although it started on the campuses, every organization and every individual wanting to strike a blow against jimcrow soon joined the demonstrations.

In Buffalo, N. Y., on February 27, the Mothers Alliance, an organization of Negro and white working women, picketed Woolworths during one of the windiest days of the winter. Soon after, the International Electrical Workers and United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO picketed in Newark, Trenton and Paterson, N. J. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union picketed three big Woolworth stores in New York City on March 8. On Saturday, March 19, there were 22 separate picket lines in New York City alone, manned by various labor and civil rights organizations.

For well over a month in New York, thousands of white youth have turned out to support their Negro fellow-students. There were integrated student, and labor picket lines in Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and in fact every major city of the North and West.

Thousands of students in Northern universities and colleges demonstrated. Even the ultra-conservative girls of Skidmore and Vassar went on the picket line.

In Youngstown, Ohio, from March 7 to March 12, a Negro and white picket line was manned *for six hours every day* by the NAACP and a Steelworkers local union.

In North Carolina, during the week of March 21, the state AFL-CIO convention, with 200 colored and white delegates, went on record to back the students and condemn the police actions. Whites gave enthusiastic applause to a Negro delegate who said on the convention floor: "I want my freedom now, not after a while."

The white ruling class of North Carolina fully supports its racist police and court system. But the white workers are here beginning to revolt against the phony propaganda of the white capitalist bosses.

Colored and White Unite in Youngstown

The NAACP and Local 1330 of the United Steelworkers joined to make this picket line a success.—Picture appeared in *Cleveland Call and Post*.

The Mass Murder of Africans Was a Boomerang; South African Dictatorship Faces the Abyss!

BULLETIN

March 30—As 30,000 South Africans massed outside a police station in Capetown to protest the arrest of 150 of their leaders, 5,000 Negro students marched on the state capitol at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

V. Grey

The world imperialist press has not yet publicly admitted it. But the South African revolution has already begun.

The destruction of the oppressive pass system after 153 years (although announced as a temporary concession) is a monumental victory from which the African people will not retreat. The revolution is surging ahead.

Under the pass system, hundreds and even thousands of Africans were rounded up at a time and sent to do hard, unpaid labor on the Europeans' plantations for any "irregularity" in their passes. (The European farmers have *private prisons* on their land where they obligingly keep the pass violators while they exploit theim unmercifully without pay.)

The great demonstration of March 21 wherein 72 Africans were admitted to have been killed by police has shaken the most hated, dictatorial, jimcrow government in the world.

The mass slaughter, instead of terrorizing the Africans, was followed by a nation-wide general strike which *terrorized the reactionary government!*

The driving force of this struggle has split the South African ruling class wide open—a sure sign of a classical revolutionary situation.

A strong minority of the ruling class —represented by the United Party— favors an approach to the more moderate element in the African leadership, that is, the leaders of the African Congress who stood aside from the first great demonstration. (It was the *Pan-Africanist Congress* that called the demonstration and initiated the present struggle—not the "moderates.")

The ruling Nationalist Party has the more vicious and extreme position and is the author of the "apartheid" policy.

The United Party is already somewhat defeatist. It is already willing to surrender some real gains to the Africans because it fears that the African masses may otherwise take everything. But it hopes to use the moderates, the *right wing of the revolution*, in a way that will paralyze the effectiveness of the left wing and put the revolution back into safer channels.

The exact lineup of forces in the camp of the African leadership is not too clear yet. But it is obvious that there are two currents. One favors immediate and unconditional independence. The other favors compromises and "emancipation by stages."

The second current is already weakening. The call of freedom will no longer be denied. The South African people are *determined to win their country back*. The reactionary Nationalist Party has temporarily agreed with the "liberal" United Party and given in on the slavish pass system. But from this time onward, the crumbs of compromise will be as great a goad to the masses as the whip of counter-revolution.

The South African Revolution is on!

British Workers Protest

London, March 23—British workers are showing an inspiring solidarity with the Africans whom their own government's ally is now murdering.

Great crowds gathered outside South Africa House in Trafalgar Square and chanted: "Murder, murder."

One demonstration seemed to follow another for several days. And many thousands demonstrated in outlying cities as well as in London.

First Integrated Picket Line

Finally Happened — in Atlanta!

Atlanta—For the first time in the current struggle against segregated eating, *there was an integrated picket line in Atlanta, Georgia.*

According to the *Atlanta Journal* of March 26, "A bi-racial group staged an anti-segregation sidewalk demonstration outside Rich's downtown department store Friday night." (Rich's is the leading department store in Atlanta.)

"The pickets — six Negroes and six whites — arrived shortly after 7:30 P.M. and took up positions in front of the Alabama, Forsyth and Broad Street entrances," says the *Journal*. "They carried handmade cardboard signs which said:

" 'Segregation is the shame of America' — 'No Colored Race, No White Race. One Human Race.' — 'They Like the Color of Our Money but Not the Color of Our Skin' — and 'Segregation Is Not Democratic.' "

Among the pickets were white students from Emory University and Negro students from Atlanta University.

According to the next day's paper, some 20,000 leaflets were given out. The leaflets, the paper said, "urged Negroes to, among other things, join the NAACP, attempt to enroll at segregated schools and refrain from patronizing stores with segregated facilities."

This courageous demonstration of solidarity between Negro and white students in Atlanta strikes another important blow for civil rights in the South.

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Why Mboya Was Booed

It must have been a shock to many American leaders to learn that Tom Mboya was lustily booed at a Nairobi meeting last week.

This was disclosed in a Kenya dispatch published in the *New York Times* of March 28. According to the article, "the crowd chanted 'you have sold us' and 'we don't want American money.'"

The tremendous build-up that Tom Mboya got in this country through the big business-controlled American Committee on Africa (ACOA) made it well-nigh impossible at that time to clarify the role he was playing. We are proud to state that *Workers World* was the *only* periodical in this country which made an effort to do so.

In an open letter addressed to Brother Mboya (see WW May 1, 1959) we warned him that the aim of the United States in Africa was not to bring freedom, but to replace the European exploiters with the Wall Street type.

"You do not have to guess what Africa will look like," we said, "if the U.S. robbers replace their European counterparts. You already know. There is the living example of Liberia. It is nothing more than a subsidiary of the Firestone Rubber Company and Republic Steel.

"You undoubtedly also know Prime Minister Tubman of Liberia. . . . He is nothing more than a miserable stooge for these monopolists and he has kept his people down all these many years."

What Wall Street wants, we warned Mboya, "is to turn you into a Kenya version of Prime Minister Tubman. Surely all your life's struggle would then be in vain. . . . But that's what they are up to."

Subsequently, at a meeting at the Church of the Master in New York on May 11, Mboya replied to us as follows:

"And now with respect to the Open Letter (in *Workers World*) . . . I won't answer it point by point. I'll just say this: I stand on my record and I have the support of my people."

Undoubtedly, Mboya still commands a great deal of support in Kenya, but as the Nairobi meeting indicates, the mass of the people are beginning to see through him.

In the meantime, it is important to remind American workers that Jomo Kenyatta, who is much more militant than Mboya, is still imprisoned by the British.

Un-Righteous Indignation

An American bishop in China was imprisoned for activities against the regime there. *The New York Times* says:

"Outrages such as this may well be remembered when somebody inquires why we do not want Red China in the United Nations."

But a few months ago, Reverend Uphaus of New Hampshire was imprisoned because he didn't give the government a list of names of the visitors to his pacifist vacation camp.

We didn't hear anybody say the *United States* should be kicked out of the United Nations.

Diamonds and Racists

Memo to Premier Khrushchev:

Now is the time to cancel that diamond deal you made some time ago with the white-supremacist South African government — through the De Beers Diamond Trust.

Thanks to the tremendous surge in socialist construction, the Soviet Union is now the second, if not the first industrial diamond producer. Industrial diamonds are not only an economic but a *political* weapon.

The agreement consummated between the Soviet government and the De Beers Diamond Trust gave the latter the sole and exclusive right to sell and distribute Soviet diamonds, and set its own price anywhere in the capitalist world.

The Diamond Trust admitted that *its world monopoly would have been broken* and its rigged price structure would have *collapsed* if the Soviet Union decided to sell even a small portion of its vast stockpile of diamonds on the "free" capitalist market in competition with the Diamond Trust.

The Soviet Union, as a workers state, has a right to sell commodities on the world market, in such a manner as to best facilitate the socialist interests of the Soviet state and the economic well-being of the Soviet working-class.

But this right is strictly limited by its revolutionary duty to give material aid and political support to the world-wide working class and the oppressed peoples generally.

Right now the eyes of the working class of the world are on South Africa —and the barbarous racist regime which has mercilessly slaughtered countless Africans in one of the bloodiest massacres of modern times. To weaken such an oppressive and hated regime, and to give aid and comfort to the oppressed, is an obligation of a real workers government.

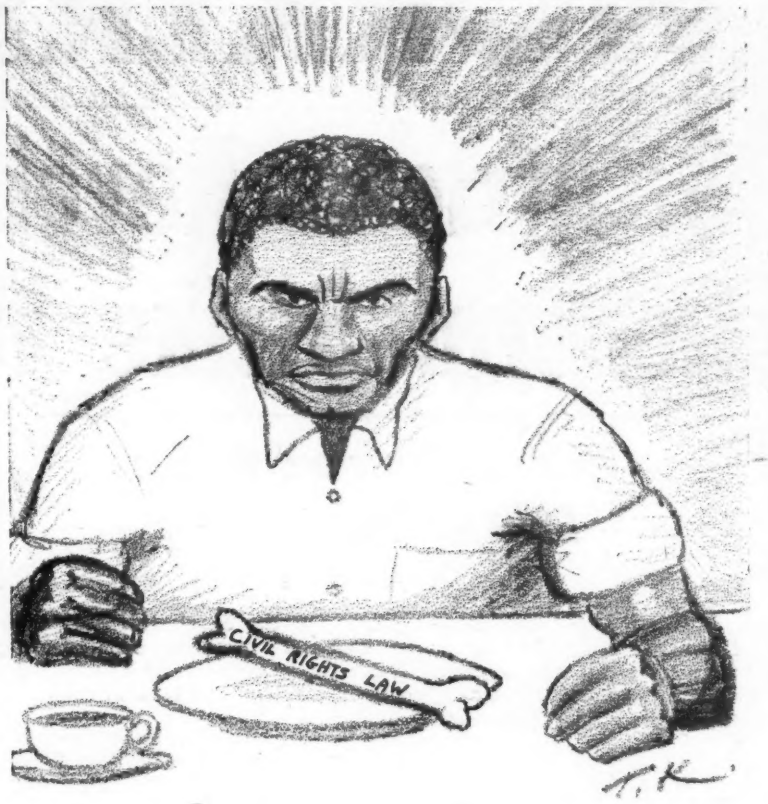
Months ago the African unions, representing the overwhelming mass of the working people of all Africa, called for a world boycott of South African goods for exactly such purposes as mentioned above. British trade unions went on record in support of it. Workers demonstrations in the imperialist countries have taken place as a measure of support for the oppressed African people. Even the U.S. government was obliged to make a hypocritical gesture "expressing regret at the use of violence" by the Verwoerd regime against the African people.

It would indeed be a dramatic stroke of solidarity with the African people, if the Soviet Union were to cancel the diamond deal which the De Beers Trust so badly needs. Right now the Verwoerd regime has been tremendously weakened by the revolutionary upsurge of the popular masses.

A general strike is in progress. The *New York Times* of March 28 states that the work stoppages have caused "serious weaknesses on the South African stock market and produced economic uncertainty for the regime, and that the Verwoerd government is in great peril."

Diamond production is a key factor in the stability of the racist regime, economically and politically. The cancellation of the Soviet agreement with the De Beers Trust would deal a mighty blow to the white-supremacist ruling class in South Africa, and give material and political support to the oppressed African people in a way which would **really** point up the meaning of that frequently abused term: proletarian internationalism.

And it Wasn't Much of a Meal to Start With!



MAIL BAG

The real enemy

Editor, *Workers World*:

Almost a year ago, Robert Williams, president of the Union County, North Carolina NAACP, said that Negroes must "meet violence with violence" to protect themselves from vicious Southern segregationists.

Your paper (*Workers World*) was the only paper I read that supported Williams and called for Civil Rights Defense Guards.

Today in the South, defenseless Negro women are being clubbed over the head with bats and manhandled. Negro students are being tear-gassed, mauled and shoved by police (who are supposed to protect all the people black or white). While bible-carrying preachers are telling them to turn the other cheek.

Come another war, these same students at the age of eighteen will be yanked from their homes and sent to fight men in other countries, when their oppressors are right here in their homeland.

We as Negroes must look upon the KKK and other segregationists and KNOW that *they* are our real enemy, and we must fight them more than we would any wars in Japan, Germany or Korea. We fight to defend OURSELVES.

Charlotte Hayes
Anyplace, Arkansas

KKK payola?

Editor, Workers World:

The St. Petersburg Annual "Sunshine Festival Parade" was held on Friday, March 25th. There were about 300,000 spectators. It was televised by WSUN-TV, St. Petersburg.

The Gibbs High School Band (all-Negro) was blacked out just as it approached the television cameras. This provoked thousands of TV viewers in the central Florida area who always enjoy performances of this band.

When "Gibbs" approached the cameras, extra advertising was injected and many home viewers and shut-ins were deprived of seeing and hearing their favorite central Florida high school

Many protests were directed toward the TV studio for such an outrage. Protests were made by colored and white alike. Undoubtedly there was "payola" involved directed toward the camera men.

WSUN-TV apologized and said an investigation would be made. WSUN-TV has never been known to practice racial prejudice in the past and many were shocked at the incident.

However, "White Citizens Council" and "KKK" money can ruin most any good reputation.

The "KKK" was probably involved in this case as no "White Citizens Council" is known to exist in this area (by that name). Most "councils" in this area are "KKK" front organizations.

C, Florida

Sit-down in Tampa

Dear Editor:

I saw the third sitdown demonstration take place in Tampa the other day.

Upon seeing police around the Woolworth store about 4 PM, I entered and saw the lunch counter which extends almost from the front of the store to the back—with "closed" signs.

The seats were occupied by young Negro boys and girls, all high school kids, very quietly looking over the menu list, and talking to each other in low voices.

The store was crawling with police and photographers. To a customer, I made a remark that where I come from up North, they seated Negroes at Woolworths. He said this was below the Mason-Dixon Line and took off.

There were men behind the counters (not lunch counters). I am sure they were not employees. One near where I was made a remark to a cop, "She is just a spectator." I feel sure they were spotters for the store for anyone who might be connected with the group.

At this time, about 35 Negroes were at the lunch counter in another store. At closing time, all filed out orderly and went to their church.

As I see it, they were a well organized group.

The next sitdown was at noontime on a Saturday. The counters were closed to the public as before. It lasted from 11 AM and they were there yet at 2 PM.

One white family remarked "We can't get anything to eat here, so we might as well go to another place down the street."

Another remark by a white man: "An hour closed sure costs Woolworths money!"

The sitdowners had ribbons on their lapels and armbands and signs with them at the counters. ("Khrushchev can eat here. I can't. Why?)

All was a well-planned demonstration.

Mrs. A., Tampa, Florida

For Civil Rights Defense Guards to Stem Increasing Violence Against Negro People!

Planned Violence

"It will be recalled that a group of white men carrying small bats patrolled the main street of Montgomery one day last month. . . .

"Before that day was finished, one of these bats was *whacked across the skull of a Negro woman.* Witnesses said the blow could be heard half a block away. *Nobody has yet been arrested for that.*"

New York *Herald-Tribune*, March 25

While the "respectable" racists were accusing the Negro sitdown movement of inciting violence, the real violence was being initiated throughout the South by the vicious KKK and similar vicious stooges of capitalism.

On March 3, William Flemming, President of Manning, S.C., NAACP, found a 22 calibre rifle bullet buried in his front door. Shortly afterward, D. U. Pullum, NAACP leader in Terrell County, was waylaid and beaten by two white men. His barn was also burned down.

On March 6, Jethro Jackson of Alabama State College was beaten over the head by a group of four older white men. In the same week Felton Turner was carved up in Houston, Texas with two sets of KKK's on his chest.

There were attempts to burn crosses at Allen University and Benedict College, Negro institutions in Columbia, S.C.

On March 27, in Anniston, Alabama, *five crosses* were burned on public highways. And across the state in Monroeville, 1,000 persons attended a public meeting of the Klan.

(Meanwhile, in Pensacola, Florida—Abraham Tollet, Jr. who has children involved in a school integration suit, was fed up with crosses burning in his yard. He told police *the next person who burned a cross in his yard would be killed.*)

The Klan is dangerous. Its meetings must be taken seriously. Its mobsters have no human feeling at all with regard to Negroes.

Example: The case of Christine Stovall of Montgomery, Alabama, who was bludgeoned over the head in broad daylight with a baseball bat by one of 25 hoodlums so armed.

(According to City Editor Ray Jenkins of the Alabama Journal, an eye witness, six police were present, saw the incident and did not lift a hand.)

It will take more than pacifist prayers and exhortations of "non-violence" to stop this terror.

The growing number of violent acts against the mass of the Negro people demands effective counter-measures. The lack of any kind of police protection makes it necessary that they *arm themselves and fight back.*

And with police in some areas *actively aiding the racist hooligans*, the formation of interracial Civil Rights Defense Guards is required NOW.

Wiseguy

"Now, I certainly am not lawyer enough or wise enough in this area to know when a matter is such as actually to violate the constitutional rights of the Negroes."

—President of the United States
March 16, 1960

Guinea-Soviet Deal Worries Wall Street

American big business is all excited about the agreement President Sekou Toure of Guinea just signed with the Soviet Union to get $35 million credit for this newly independent African country.

This is not surprising. American corporations are already exloiting Guinea, and since its independence from France, are sharpening their knives to exploit it a great deal more.

The Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, for example, already has a $63 million interest in a Guinea aluminum company, and wants more. (Olin Mathieson is controlled mainly by the Rockefellers and the Morgans.)

Suppose Guinea were to take that $35 million from the Soviet Union and build its *own* aluminum company. This would reduce the profits of Olin Mathieson, the Rockefellers and the Morgans and raise the profits of the Africans.

Multiply this little incident by all the countries in Africa, and add to it the other American corporations, and you have a general idea why American newspapers, etc., are so concerned about "Soviet influence in Africa."

If the United States were as densely populated as Puerto Rico, *nearly all of the people in the world* would be living here.

3000 In Cleveland Pledge to Help Boycott

Marian Sherman

A giant meeting, pledging full support to the struggle of the students in the South and against discrimination, was held in Cleveland on Sunday, March 20. Over three thousand were in attendance and raised over three thousand dollars for the fighting fund.

This meeting was called by a sponsoring committee, which included two unions, several ministerial groups, a Jewish conference, and a few NAACP groups. But the impetus was given by the students of Oberlin, Western Reserve University and Antioch College, who had tried to get the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP to sponsor a parade in the city of Cleveland. (Oberlin students collected $2,200 for the campaign in the South.)

When the announcement of the nation-wide boycott of the four variety chain stores was given out at the meeting, the whole crowd broke loose with enthusiasm. Those present showed that they wanted action and not words and resolutions. And when the main speaker, Reverend Lawson of Nashville stated that the struggle must continue and be broadened until complete integration is won, again there was tremendous response.

Reverend Lawson pointed to the fact that the youth is tired of waiting for the adult and stated that the present struggle may change the whole course of our lives. And to these remarks, there was spontaneous support.

This man, who was expelled from the University at Nashville because he aided in the sitdown strikes, described how the whites are coming to the aid of the Negroes in Nashville and said that the determination of the Negroes is winning support all around.

If the density of the population of Harlem were applied throughout New York City, all the people in the United States would be housed in New York!

"Freedom" in Georgia

In every struggle for civil rights, the white-supremacists cry — "that's communism." Their idea of authentic American "freedom" is exemplified in the following:

Several weeks ago, in Georgia, a Morehouse College professor (white) and his two students (Negro) were denied the right to sit together in the Georgia legislature.

In the same week, another rule for "freedom" in Georgia was laid down.

It seems that four-year-old pages (white) in the legislature must now recite an anti-Communist oath in order to keep their four-dollar a day jobs.

In the so-called Communist countries, the professor and his students could sit down together anywhere. And four-year-olds attend nursery schools where they are taught that child labor is an evil of capitalism.

Police Called "Justified" In Murder of South Africans

Last December the colored people of Windhoek, South Africa, protested against being forcibly moved to jimcrow (apartheid) housing developments two miles away from their former homes (and jobs).

They marched and sang and said, "We shall not move, never, never."

For this the police shot them and killed twelve.

The whole civilized world, including the middle class as well as the working class, was shocked at the time. That usually unruffled capitalist newspaper, the *New York Times*, printed a prominent editorial entitled, "Death in Windhoek." It hinted that the UN should intervene and it asked: "What will happen (in Africa) if the screw is given one-half turn too many?"

But on March 5, the same newspaper printed the following very brief dispatch:

"A judge appointed to inquire into clashes at Windhoek, in South-West Africa, last December 10, reported today that the police were justified in opening fire on an African crowd. Twelve persons were killed."

The screw has *already* been turned one-half turn too many.

The African Revolution is aflame from north to south and east to west in the smoldering continent.

"Come Into My Parlor," Said the Spider to the Fly

De Gaulle Gives "Word" to Algerians

Ana Kezman

After all the mock fighting and the shouting was over and the sand had settled to the ground again, it was once more clear to the Algerian (not French) rebels that de Gaulle still wants to conquer them.

De Gaulle fooled the "Socialist" Mollet and a few other assorted "liberals" and "men of good will" when he spoke about Algerian Self-Determination a few weeks ago. And when he "defeated" the reactionary uprising of the *French* in Algeria, all his polite bourgeois critics said this proved de Gaulle's heart was in the right place.

But it was all double talk. De Gaulle has now revealed again that he is after a "Cease Fire" first and a vote on the question of Self-Determination second.

(It would be very simple for the *French Army* to cease firing and go home to France. But this is not de Gaulle's idea. The idea is for the *Algerians* to cease firing, give up their arms, and let all Algerians vote on "Self-Determination" while the French Army has a monopoly of arms.)

Even the cowardly "Socialists" and capitalist "Radicals" found this too much to swallow. Several of them, including Mollet, have now "broken" with de Gaulle.

Meantime, a new series of double-talk offers from de Gaulle have begun. The French have now invited the Algerian Liberation Front to make a request for peace talks, and assure them that this would "almost certainly receive a favorable response" . . . IF.

The IF means — if the Algerians make an "unrestricted offer." A few weeks ago, the Algerians told the French that they should negotiate with the five Algerian leaders whom the French had so treacherously captured when they were on the way to another "peace conference" two years ago. But de Gaulle refused to do this.

Now the same de Gaulle who refused to speak with the leaders whom the French government imprisoned, guarantees free safe passage to some *new* leaders to come to Paris and talk peace!

One of his officials "saw no alternative for the rebels but to trust the President's word." No one could trust de Gaulle's word in such a case but a fool or a traitor.

The Algerians will "see no alternative" but to fight on to victory.

Trusted French Government — Now in Chains!

Victims of French imperialist treachery: the five Algerian leaders who were kidnapped by a French plane while en route to a peace conference in Tunis. Note the handcuffs.

Yankee Capital "Aids" Latin America — Like the Loan-Shark Aids the Workers!

Frederick Matteger

Ike, the T.V. commentators, and the daily papers tell us that the U.S. "aids undeveloped countries." But angry demonstrators in Latin America cry out against "Yankee imperialism."

What is really going on? Haven't billions of dollars gone from the United States to Latin America?

Yes, they have.

However, U.S. aid might be compared to the aid of a loan agency which demanded high interest, extra charges, a mortgage on your belongings, your labor at 50 cents an hour (in some parts of Brazil the standard pay is 22 cents per day), an agreement from you to buy all your needs at an agency store at company store prices . . . —and then refused to give you the loan money.

The actual loan money would be given to an agent of the loan company who would act as your representative and dole out the money to cover your purchases from the company store.

And what if you didn't like this kind of a loan? You'd better! It's all you'll get because this loan agency controls all the other loan agencies, and it's this or nothing.

Latin American countries have vast underdeveloped recources. It is estimated, for example, that Brazil's Rio Doce area has 23 per cent of the world's total undeveloped iron ore deposits. It is this which the loan agency (Wall Street Bankers) demand to have signed over to them when poverty stricken Latin American countries ask for help.

Of course the wealthy Latin Americans who do the business with the Wall Street bankers are not unhappy about these deals. These agents of the loan company (political stooges, policemen, local businessmen, clerks, etc.) do all right. They get graft, power, all the modern luxuries—and occasionally trips to faraway places when an angry people erupt as they did in Cuba.

All Latin American countries need basic industrial machinery, and technological assistance. This they aren't getting and are not going to get from the U.S. in any meaningful amounts. The Wall Street policy is to keep these countries as producers of raw materials which they are forced to sell cheaply. They are also forced to pay exorbitantly high prices for needed manufactured goods from the U.S.

Just as English capitalists tried to prevent colonial America from becoming a manufacturing area, the U.S. capitalists prevent Latin American nations from furnishing their own needs.

Mexico is the one Latin American country which took over its own oil wells from the Rockefellers (in 1938). Though these wells have paid the Rockefellers far exceeding their investment, the Mexican government paid an additional high price for them. In spite of this the Rockefeller oil monopoly (kingpin company: Standard Oil of New Jersey) with its blacklist power over all oil concerns prevented Mexico from getting needed oil tools.

With popular backing this Mexican government oil operation was a partial success. However in order to get vitally needed drilling equipment in 1947 the Mexican government had to agree to give the Rockefeller oil monopoly 65 per cent of all resulting oil production.

This is American "aid."

What's Left?

Rockefeller's Standard Oil of New Jersey owns the oil.

Morgan's International Nickel Company gets the nickel deposits.

Rockefeller controlled United Fruit gets the bananas, much of the sugar, and other tropical crops.

The three largest Chicago packinghouses control Argentinian, and Uruguayan beef.

A buyer's monopoly placed by A&P controls the coffee.

Stewart Kids Retain Conrad Lynn

Conrad Lynn, prominent civil liberties attorney has just been retained as new counsel for Charles and James Stewart of Beacon, N.Y. it was learned today.

The charges against the Stewarts grew out of a disturbance on December 24, 1959 when one of them was cursed as a "black bastard" by a volunteer fireman, who then jumped on the two Negro boys with eleven other white men. The police arrested the Negro boys only, and so far the boys have been denied the right to file cross-complaints against their assailants.

The new attorney announced he would seek a jury trial for the accused and invoke the 14th Amendment.

More Truth Than Poetry

The following is an excerpt from a poem in the Chinese CP's Peking Review.

Note the complete disbelief in Eisenhower's talk of peace. The U.S. *Worker*, on the other hand, like Khrushchev, thinks Eisenhower is "sincere" in his peace posturings.

Round the Washington camp fires,
Heads are hung and cheeks are drawn.
Sighs the Ike of Eisenhower:
"Woe! The East wind whirls the West wind!"
And his heavy eyelids sag.
"Let us, warriors, talk of peace
Till we end the missile lag!"

Which Way for the Negro Labor Council?

Where is the newly-formed Negro Labor Council?

The struggle of the Negro students in the South has been on for over two months, and still the Negro Labor Council has done nothing to help mobilize the labor movement to come to the aid of the oppressed. WHY?

Did Randolph organize the Negro Labor Council only to calm the restlessness of the Negro worker? In this situation, the speeches of the leaders of the NLC mean nothing. What the organization is doing in the present social struggle means everything. So far it has not even *tried* to get labor behind the struggle for Negro equality.

The NLC is a necessary organization and reflects the desires of the Negro masses for struggle. The present leaders, however, are acting as though they want to quell the aspirations of the masses and to keep them under "safe and sane" leadership.

If the NLC stays on the sidelines in such struggles as are going on now, it will be a dead organization even before it gets off the ground.

Thurgood Better Choice

Thurgood Marshall, the leading lawyer for the NAACP, recently said he had two possible choices for President —Truman or himself.

Truman made the following comment on the Negro sitdowns the next day:

"If anyone came in my store and tried to stop business, I'd throw him out. The Negro should behave himself and show he's a good citizen."

Free Elections: Viet-Nam and Germany

With all the talk about a "democratic" vote to unite the two Germanys under a government of "the people's choice," the following news from Viet Nam should be interesting.

Communist North Viet Nam has just conducted a census. It is now clearly established that the north has three million more people than the capitalist-ruled south.

The New York Times comments: "The disparity in populations is one of the reasons South Viet Nam has been unwilling to have a national vote on unification, as provided in the Geneva agreements that ended the war in Indochina and divided Viet Nam into two states. The Saigon Government (of south Viet Nam) feels Communist control (in the north) would make northerners vote Communist and that the north's bigger population would give the Communists a numerical advantage."

Communist East Germany has 18 million people. Capitalist West Germany has 50 million.

Maybe the East German government "feels that capitalist control would make the westerners vote capitalist and that the west's bigger population would give the capitalists the numerical advantage."

They're up the Creek!

Those poor starving, thirsty refugees from Red China have been running to Hong Kong (British) and Macao (Portuguese)—or so we are told. Things are supposed to be so very good in Hong Kong, etc.

But the New York *Times* of February 25 informs us that both Hong Kong and Macao are now planning to get their drinking water from China!

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¿Por Que No Hubo Jitomates Para Ike?

To Our English-speaking readers:

There are now over a million Puerto Rican workers in the United States, and hundreds of thousands of Mexicans. These and other Spanish-speaking workers are among the most exploited in the country. They, together with the Negro people, need socialism the most.

For their sake, we will translate some of our previous articles into Spanish from time to time.

¿Por qué es la jira de Eisenhower a Sudamérica más prosperosa que la del Vicepresidente Nixon fué el año pasado? ¿Es la sonrisa de Ike tanto más poderosa que la plática suave de "Ricardo Mentiras"? ¿O resta la razón un poco más profundo?

La razón real es que los partidos comunistas en todo el mundo están demostrando al capitalismo americano que tan corteses ellos pueden ser.

¡Kruschev y la burocracia de Moscú están tan ansiosos de establecer "la paz" con Eisenhower que les están diciendo a los partidos comunistas nacionales que discontinuen la lucha de clases! Cuando "Ike" visitó Italia el otoño pasado, por ejemplo, el PC criticó a los capitalistas italianos por no ser bastante entusiastas, y clamó. "¡Nos gusta Ike, también!"

Las únicas demostraciones contra la jira triunfal a Sudamérica del imperialista Eisenhower fueron por los "Socialistas de ala izquierda", Peronistas, y estudiantes defensores de Castro. El Partido Comunista se mantuvo elocuentemente silencioso.

Toda la América Latina es una colonia económica del imperialismo de Wall Street. El Partido Comunista aunque ilegal en muchos paises latinoamericanos, es relativamente fuerte y poderoso. Esto es porque los pueblos son tan terriblemente oprimidos y tan ansiosos de arrojar sus cadenas.

Lo que las masas necesitan más, inmediatamente, es deshacerse de la dominación yanquí. Por lo tanto lo más natural para ellos debe ser saludar a Eisenhower con choteos en lugar de vivas. Pero con el partido más grande de la clase obrera ahora alabándolo como "sinceramente por la paz", algunos trabajadores también inocentemente se unieron en el grito falso: "¡Viva Ike!"

Pero el triunfo de Eisenhower en Sudamérica será de corta duración. En la misma sombra de su regreso a Washington, nuevas luchas brotarán, nuevos líderes surgirán. Y a despecho de todos los billones de Wall Street las masas latinoamericanas lucharán contra sus opresores con o sin la ayuda del Partido Comunista.

Desde que lo anterior fué escrito, supimos que los Trotskistas de Chile organizaron una gran demostración contra Eisenhower. Estamos contentos y orgullosos de saber ésto y nos solidarizamos con su acción.

Estamos igualmente alegres al ver que los estudiantes y obreros uruguayos demonstraron tan enérgicamente.

Pero aquí, también, el PC fué conspicuo por su ausencia. Esta fué una demostración nacionalista, pro-Castro.

Science Note

Now they have a computing machine at Harvard that can translate Russian scientific articles into almost perfect English.

Well, if they can't reach the moon any other way. . . .

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